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THE ALLEGED CHOLERA.

There is no doubt that the cholera scare has created a panic in town. With the knowledge of our miserable sanitary system it is only reasonable that the citizens should feel scared. The precautions and general measures of the Board of Health may seem too strict and exaggerated but every one will admit that it is better to be too severe under the circumstances than too lax.

Mr. W. O. Smith, the President of the Board of Health, has proven himself the right man in the right place. Our readers can rest assured that we would not make that statement without having the very best cause for so doing. At the meeting yesterday at the Board, he advanced the most practical views of any present and he refused to take any chances through which the alleged epidemic might spread and gain a foothold in these islands.

Mr. W. O. Smith, however, was not ably supported by the physicians who were invited to join the Board of Health in consultation. The leading physicians of the town for some reason or other were not present. Dr. McKibbin, who perhaps is the only physician here who has been "through" a cholera epidemic, was not even invited to attend the meeting, if we are correctly informed. Dr. Brodie and other eminent physicians were conspicuously brilliant by their absence.

We do not blame these physicians for not joining a Board of Health, constituted as the one created by our immaculate republic. Doctors as a rule can not be advised or dictated to by a lot of laymen and mediocre practitioners, none of whom could make a living outside of their government salary. Still, when an emergency arises, we think it the duty of every man—doctor as well as layman to lay aside personal prejudice, political feeling and petty objections and join in every move which tends to further the common good and to the general welfare of the country.

There is no cholera here. Rest assured of that fact. There is and has been for several months considerable dysentery and other bowel complaints due most probably to the unusual condition of the weather. The frequency of cases of this complaint has probably given occasion to the foolish rumors now circulated and which are now causing an absolute panic in certain places.

If cholera was here it would not stop at Iwilei, however, strict the quarantine might be. It would reach the heart of the town in a

minute and strike death and terror into all quarters, rich and poor alike.

The precautions of President Smith are commendable, however, and it will be proper for not only the Government, but all of our citizens of every political color, to assist him in every way possible. The main cause of the dysentery now rampant amongst our citizens is the quality of the drinking water as supplied by the Government. Let the people understand that the water used for drinking purposes should always be boiled and, if possible, filtered, before using. Let the mango-eating community, young and old, understand that green or even ripe fruit at this time of the year and in the present state of weather, are imminently fraught with danger and furnish a hot-bed for dysentery. A proper diet and a reasonable use of port wine, good whisky and other liquors—not beer—will greatly assist in keeping the system in order and prepare the stomach even for an attack of the real Asiatic cholera—that is, if it should come—which we don't believe.

The tabu passed on passengers for the other islands is a little strict but is yet quite proper. The different steamers were dispatched and freight was forwarded. The crews, who mostly live at Iwilei and in its vicinity, will land at every port and deliver the freight. If cholera was here and could be spread to the other islands the native crews of the inter-island steamers would certainly be a better medium of exchange than the foreigners who desired to leave yesterday for their respective homes.

The cholera scare ought to be over to-day. But for future consideration let us mention to the authorities that the germ of that disease is even easier transferred in freight consisting of clothing and dry goods than it is through personal contact with victim of the disease. The allowance of shipments of freight from our Chinese and Japanese stores to the other islands, and the prevention of passenger traffic is certainly inconsistent and is probably due to that wise member of the Board of Health who always wants to "rub it in" and who according to the Star made the following intelligent remarks at the meeting yesterday:

Dr. Wood spoke of a case in Iwilei a few months ago. He went there in a hurry to see a woman, and she had died in great pain, before his arrival. That could not have been cholera.

If the doctor did say so he deserves a statue—and so does the woman. She had sense enough to die before the learned doctor arrived—and his expected arrival, not cholera, settled her according to the Star's report.

There is no joke in cholera, however. We recommend the Government to go on adopting every measure which can help to prevent the introduction or spread of the frightful plague and we can assure President W. O. Smith of our heartiest co-operation and that of every kamaaina in town. For once W. O. Smith has had more sense than his associates. At least for once we have found it out.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Advertiser prints the statement that, "Unser Kaiser" William III. has written as regards Americans, "—them all." It is now in order for the Emperor and Mr. Farrington to write explanatory letters to each other.

The Advertiser yesterday devoted some inches of space to saying that John Doherty, second engineer of the Mikahala, had been arrested on leaving his vessel with ten tins of opium in his possession. The story was wholly untrue. And when the truth was proved in the Police

Court though the opium was found in his state room on the steamer, yet it was found in such a manner as to throw much doubt—at least—on his knowledge of its being there—he having been absent for hours before it was found. The Advertiser simply made a small addition to a local item stating as follows: "The statement is not correct that Doherty was caught with opium as was stated in this paper (the Advertiser) yesterday morning." Whose reputation is safe after that? Today a column explaining and reporting the violation of the law. Next day, a line obscurely intimating that the previous column of statements were false. And that is newspaper business!

The Advertiser artist has met his match in Mark Twain—beg pardon—we mean the other way about. Which is the most humorous—his alleged portrait or his lecture—will always be a subject of doubt to his cannibal readers. Though, doubtless, the latter would prefer the original to either.

If H. M. Whitney, who ran the Advertiser when Mark Twain was here, was running it now, he would never permit the abominable and scurrilous allusions with which it teems to-day. We have only one consolation. It is this: "We shall never have the pleasure (if) of reading (we may hear it) that, the present editor of the Advertiser is stranded, and is on his uppers 'round the world' for 'fresh,' 'bright coined' plunks to stock his wallet with."

In the days when Samuel L. Clemens—not yet known as Mark Twain—was an unfortunate member of the guild of newspaper correspondents, and fillers of the editorial bottle, he had the fashion of going round in his shirt-sleeves. Some of those, now prominent in managing other people's money, objected. They said, "he must be a low fellow." We don't go round in our shirt-sleeves." The argument held good then. It holds good now. Those people still try to manage other folks' estate and money. S. L. Clemens manages his own—now his name is known the world-wide, and commands that attention from any banker.

Will any one explain what kind of immunity is gained by being either a doctor of medicine, an officer of the Board of Health, or the President? Do those functions or positions carry with them immunity from infection or contagion? If not, why are the quarantine laws not enforced? Why are kanakas thought capable of conveying contagion, but white men—officially—cannot convey it. The whole business is altered and absolutely an instance of what position money—or the reputation of it—and influence will do.

Soon the world will be confronted with the family as against the Christian Missionary proposal. At present it is white—that is, the ruling race talk Christianity and absolute equality of everybody. By-and-bye we shall see. If Japan and other countries can produce laborers able to attend to civilized machinery at 18 cents per day, where does the white man and S. E. Bishop's Christian come off? These are the proposals. Even the U. S. of America with their patents, and every protection to the workingman cannot prevent the removal of their factories to Japan as the place of cheap labor. Well! Where do we come off. Our insignificant total of white men—though they may think themselves dominant—in a community of 50,000 Asiatics and 40,000 kanakas ought to realize the fact that they have killed "the goose" that laid the golden eggs.

The police department, when it goes on information and gets it, does some remarkable things. It, according to the Advertiser, sent fifty cents to buy opium. The coin, in which the money were given, was marked. The seller was seized. She jerked the coins out of her hands. As a result the Advertiser, quoting Dr.

vid Kaapa, the searching officer, says: "We were fortunate afterwards in finding thirty five cents." We have before heard of marked money changing itself, but this diminution of the coin requires explanation.

The Advertiser states as an editorial heading, "Russia Held In Suspicion." Will the editor please send a marked copy to H. I. M. the Czar of all the Russias? It might induce him to modify his policy so as to please and satisfy the Advertiser editor.

There was a German along here from Java with an invention some ten years ago or so, to make molasses into fertilizer. The improved appliances here, in the sugar mills, were such, however, that the waste molasses hadn't even virtue as a fertilizer. Perhaps though, Louisiana molasses might prove a profitable field for his patent. They haven't advanced there so far as we have in extracting every ounce of crystallizing sugar from the cane juice.

THE INDEPENDENT has not hitherto considered W. O. Smith a fit man for any position that he holds. Yet, truth compels us to say that, of all the present members of the Board of Health and the physicians of the city and his colleagues in the Cabinet, he seems to be the only one having any executive ability or exercise of common-sense in the face of anticipated danger. Scare seems to paralyze the rest.

Yesterday we published the same points as indicated by him self of Thurston's argument in favor of the validity of the Military Commission of January last. As the Supreme Court, has upheld his position unanimously—without a dissenting opinion—it may be presumed by the ordinary layman that that is now the law of the land. If it is it would be well to call another special session—even at a heavier cost than \$13,000—and let us have some chance of liberty and rights which could not be invaded by a President—with the approval of the Executive Council—when his nerves—or other fixings—caused him to have an idea that rebellion or invasion was imminent.

One thing seems certain, if the Hawaiians had work and could spare a quarter to buy fish at the Fish Market, they wouldn't have to be gathering sea refuse off the Quarantine Island. If anything happens this will show up the penny-wise and pound-foolish policy of the Government. Let all the prisoners go. Give them work—despite F. M. Hatch's oath—and they will have sufficient to live on without running themselves and everybody else into danger of catching any Asiatic disease lingering round the shores of Quarantine Island.

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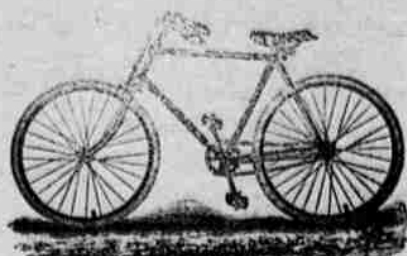
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Timely Topics.



Honolulu, July 22, 1895.

It cannot be denied that the war cloud which hangs over the world at present is getting darker and darker. It is a historical fact that the end of each century has always been fraught with bloodshed and strife, internally as well as externally. The great powers of Europe today are making and unmaking alliances of all kinds. The fact is that diplomacy to-day is using every means to postpone the day when the crash must come and gain time for the different countries to prepare themselves for the gigantic struggle which will and must take place before the present generation dates its letters in the year 1900. Turkey is threatened from all sides. The Russian bear is extending his claws and licking his blood-thirsty tongue towards the East and South in anticipation of gain. The passive and cold brother nations who inhabit the Scandinavian peninsula are now glaring ferociously ready to spring at each other's throats. Germany, under its impetuous, indiscreet imperial master, is drifting into the deceptive maelstrom of conquest, and war, in which all past experience, all knowledge gained through the horrors of war are forgotten, and where only false sentiment and sham patriotism are ruling.

And while the giants get ready for the great war their leaders have realized one thing, and that is, that no army will have a show, no militia a chance, except provided with the indispensable bicycle. And no wonder that the monarchical countries of Europe prefer the "Monarch" to any other kind, and supply their "wheeling cavalry" with that favorite brand.

We have watched proceedings in the great countries with a great deal of care, and we have secured the sole agency for Hawaii of the Monarch Cycle. We have realized that, not alone a large stock is necessary, but that a workshop, in which all needed repairs can be done is in the interest of our patrons, and we have established one above our stores on Fort Street. This "bicycle infirmary" will attend to any "sickness" which the wheel may meet through accident or lack of care. Our prices are far below veterinary figures. We fix the Monarchs sold by us at cost price if ever they should need it. We have everything on hand and have secured the services of a most experienced bicycle man, whose work we guarantee.

As the bicycle is not only of advantage in war but love, we wish to call the attention of the young boys and girls who have to spend their vacations in Honolulu, that we have wheels just suitable for them. If daddy can't send them to the country for a trip—or buy them a bow-wow—let them ask him for a Monarch. It will give more pleasure and last much longer than even a volcano trip.

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